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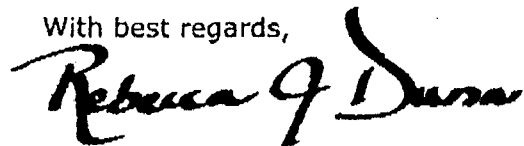
Dear Ms. Hesse:

From a South Dakota perspective, I believe the agreement to settle the U.S. vs. Microsoft antitrust case is not only fair, it is appropriate because it creates a public benefit which will be helpful for our nation's poorest children. By targeting school districts with the highest percentages of students who qualify for government assisted lunches, this settlement will put disadvantaged students on a fast track to learning through the internet. Certainly, many of the targeted school districts in this settlement will be here in South Dakota. They will be set on a more level playing field to compete for opportunities with students in wealthier school districts.

My career is as a trainer of children and adults to enable them to realize and fully develop their potential in business and in life. As a State Senator in South Dakota, I worked with many local and state educational leaders to develop positive alternatives for growth, especially for disadvantaged children. I cannot think of a better result for this antitrust suit than to enable these economically challenged children with the tools they need to open their worlds to the internet and its infinite educational resources.

Additionally, I want you to know that I believe that it would be in the best interests of our nation's economy and of justice to accept this settlement and put this case to rest. The case has examined virtually all relevant issues involved in Microsoft's business practices, and the settlement appears to have addressed these issues as well as anyone could reasonably expect. Thank you for considering my opinions on this settlement.

With best regards,



Rebecca J. Dunn